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THE WEEKLY TREAT

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**McKenzie Bros.**

E. SUPERIOR ST.

Agents for

**Witters' Laundry**

Saginaw

Basket shipped Tuesday p. m., returned Friday p. m.

**Three Winners**

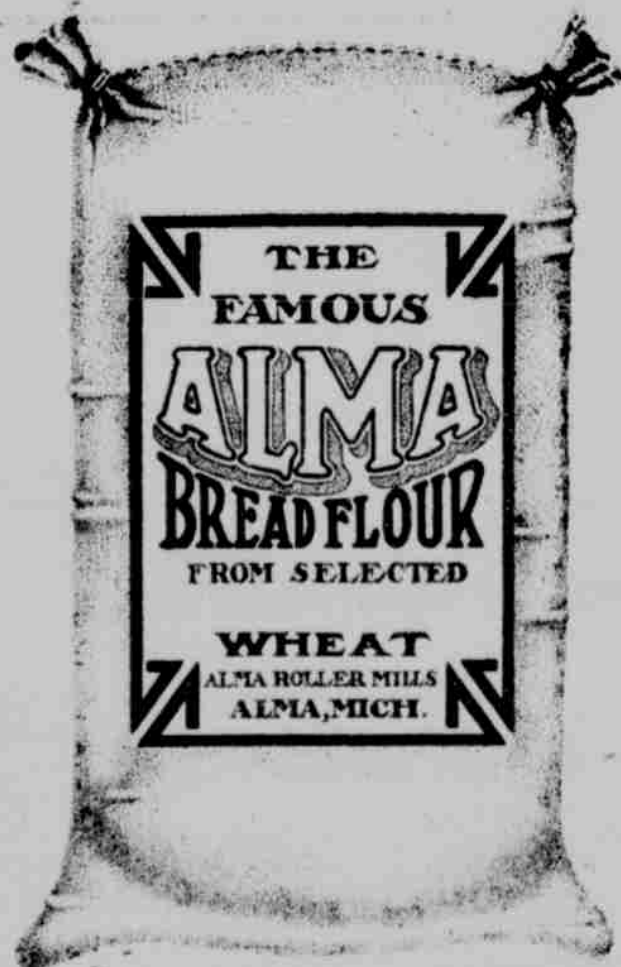
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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Attorney John D. Spinney is in Ithaca on business today.

R. B. Wagner returned on Monday from a business trip to Ames, Iowa.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ondraka of Arcadia township March 17th a boy.

William Kaudson was in Ithaca on business on Wednesday of this week.

Attorney James K. Wright of St. Louis was in the city on business this morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Monk of Arcadia township on Sunday, March 25th, a girl.

B. E. Bedford was called to Chicago, Illinois, yesterday by the illness of his father.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Gossett, Highland avenue, March 23rd, an eight-pound boy.

Mrs. Burt Palfrey and daughter of Saginaw were Alma visitors the fore part of the week.

The women's club will meet at the home of Mrs. R. H. Wilcox, 537 State street, on Monday, April 2nd.

On and after April 1st, we will add ten per cent to laundry lists until further notice. Alma City Laundry.

There will be a special meeting of the L. O. T. M. on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. N. E. Sand.

Mrs. W. N. Bailey of Grand Rapids spent the fore part of the week in Alma, a guest at the home of her cousin, Mrs. W. W. Ferris.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a baked goods sale at the office of the Gratiot County Gas company on Saturday, April 7th.

Harvey Button of Saginaw, a former Alma resident, visited with Alma friends the fore part of the week.

Glen Burkholder, an employee of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., had the index finger of his right hand nearly severed yesterday while working at the plant.

Dr. and Mrs. Williamson returned home the fore part of this week. Their friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Williamson's health is greatly improved.

Richard Teed was arrested here Monday by deputy sheriff, Clarence Wheeler, and held for the sheriff at Lake City, where a warrant for Teed's arrest has been issued.

Mrs. Frank F. Smith and two sons, Frederick and Lyle, are visiting at Flint this week, the guests of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. F. A. Wade, and mother, Mrs. Charles Thompson.

Mt. Pleasant parties have purchased the vacant property on Downie street, opposite the Catholic church and is reported that a large flat will be built by them within a short time.

Oren Monroe Hyde passed away March 26, 1917, following a five weeks' illness with typhoid fever. He was eleven years old. The body was shipped to Lowell on Wednesday for burial.

Professor and Mrs. F. W. Moore of Winona, Minnesota, announce the arrival of Robert Dunham Moore, March 22nd. Mrs. Moore will be remembered as Miss Sophia Dunham, formerly of this city.

It is reported that Swift & Company has leased the red barn in the rear of the Wright House again, and that it will be enlarged somewhat to make room for another truck which the company will purchase to use here.

Verne Colburn, a farmer living east of Alma, lost sixty hogs the first of the week from hog cholera. It is said that the hogs would weigh about 300 pounds each, and that Colburn had refused 17 cents a pound for them.

Robert Fleming and Rena Mills were united in marriage at the home of Elder G. H. Carl at eight o'clock Thursday evening, March 22, 1917. Robert with his bride will live on the old homestead west of the Wright school house.

Mrs. Carrie D. Stoddard returned Monday night from Flint where she had been attending the Michigan state camp of the R. N. of A., as a delegate from the Alma lodge. Mrs. Stoddard was elected a member of the state press committee.

E. C. Crandell was in Chicago last week making purchases of goods for the spring sale at the Crandell & Scott store, and this week Miss Laura Crandell is in Grand Rapids making purchases, which will arrive in time for the spring opening next week.

Carl Hedrick of Arcadia township has returned from a several weeks' visit in Box Elder, Montana. He reports that the several former Alma residents who are living there are enjoying fine health. He also stated that Jasper Nevins had over 10,000 bushels of wheat last year which was sold for \$1.75. Mr. Hedrick is thinking considerable of locating in Montana.

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## COMMITTED SUICIDE

Aged Resident of Masonic Home Drowned Himself in River.

Henry Alderton, an aged resident of the Michigan Masonic Home here was drowned in Pine river below the Euclid avenue bridge, last Sunday, and it is thought that the aged man ended his own life.

It is said that Alderton was seen by some young ladies in the forenoon down the river near the Euclid avenue bridge, and that he asked them about the depth of the water at that point. This was the last that was seen of him.

In the afternoon some lads saw a hat in the river, and for some reason or other concluded that someone was drowned and summoned help and finally the body of Alderton was located in the river, almost back of the Republic plant, where it had been carried by the current. The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of G. V. Wright and on Monday was shipped to Lansing for burial.

## RIGHT WHERE WE LIVE

Michigan Contractor & Builder Takes a Crack at Alma "Slums."

The Michigan Contractor & Builder carried the following editorial in its issue of March 24th, which will prove enlightening to Alma people:

"One year ago the Alma Home & Improvement company was organized in the city of Alma for the erection of homes in that city. Alma had experienced a remarkable growth and there was in consequence a demand for houses that could not be supplied readily. The above named company began the erection of homes and put them up at a rapid rate. Laboring men had to be housed and evidently the company was able to get any price that it demanded for its buildings, at least the amount of money earned would indicate that the company was not organized primarily for any altruistic purpose. The company has declared a dividend of forty per cent.

In this connection we might be permitted to quote L. T. Wilmarth, chairman of the Housing Code Commission: 'Even the formerly delightful little country town of Alma is now in some of its new dwellings providing slums for the future. Some of the new dwellings are such a farce for human habitation that a large commercial real estate dealer terms it a "crime" and refuses to invest in that town at all in proximity to such proposed conditions of living.'

The Alma Record would call the Michigan Contractor & Builder's attention to the fact that in some cases Alma might have shacks worthy of its "splendid" editorial, but not from those that are being constructed by the Alma Home & Improvement company. Leaving out the East Superior street row, and a few would be houses scattered here and there around the city, the Alma Record believes that the class of houses being constructed here will compare very favorably with those of other cities. Except for Millerville, we know of no houses that could be sold for less than a thousand dollars, and extremely few at that price.

Most of the houses, now building in Alma, are for workmen, and range in price from \$1,500 to \$3,000 and could not be sold for much less. Property turned over rapidly at a small profit will in a year's time yield a good margin of profit as the Contractor & Builder probably knows. Houses are in great demand in Alma and are sold rapidly, once they are built.

For the East Superior street row, and such few other shacks as Alma may have, we have no thought of defense. They are a mistake, and a harm to the city, but they are few in number, whereas the Michigan Contractor & Builder would have the state believe that most of the houses in Alma are of such a nature. It should be fair at least.

The Alma Record has been suggesting a building ordinance to correct such building errors, and keep them from Alma in the future. Perhaps the fine editorial which the Record publishes above, will aid in arousing the need of Alma to such an ordinance.

As for L. T. Wilmarth, chairman of the Housing Code Commission, we believe that he has been entirely misinformed on the situation in Alma, or else has a poor conception of the value of houses. He might live in a \$5,000 or \$10,000 house or one costing more, but he should remember that workmen as a rule do not buy such houses. Rather do they keep within their pocket-books, when buying. We would suggest that Wilmarth get in touch with the situation here and see how many of our dwellings are "such a farce for human habitation," and find out about the "proposed conditions of living."

We might also remark that a new species of animal has been discovered—a commercial real estate dealer who wouldn't make money, any place that he found a nice profit.

Bunk, is the proper word for it.

## EWING WRITES

College Professor in New York Tells of Patriotic Meetings.

The Alma Record is in receipt of a letter from Professor J. T. Ewing of Alma college, who is spending a year in the east in research work, in which he tells of the great patriotic meetings that are being held in the Metropolis of America, as war brews at the boiling point.

He tells of the big Union league meeting at which such men as Roosevelt, Root, Choate, Hughes and others of national fame, spoke and urged action in the present crisis with Germany, and of the resolutions which were adopted at the meeting.

He informs the Alma Record that the people in the east are only half awake to the seriousness of the situation, while face to face with war.

He says that the Union league is composed of republicans, men of the stamp of those that carried the country through the dark days of the Civil war, and that it makes one proud to be a member of that party, when he sees this organization standing solidly behind the president and against the radical socialist and the pro-German, who are acting under the cloak of pacifism.

He included in the letter a "declaration" which is being widely signed in the east. It reads as follows: "To the President of the United States: As an American, faithful to American ideals of justice, liberty and humanity, and confident that the government has exerted its most earnest efforts to keep us at peace with the world, I hereby declare my absolute and unconditional loyalty to the government of the United States and pledge my support to you in the protection of American rights against the unlawful violence upon land and sea, in guarding the nation against hostile attacks and in upholding international rights." This is followed by places for signatures, and after being filled the sheets are forwarded to the president, to show him how the people of the country feel.

Record Want Ads for Results



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## Hawes Hats

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## Stetson Hats

To fit any head, in staples and novelties.

## Our \$2 ad. Hats

Specialty in us. Best the money

We have exclusive agency of the Heidcap. standard of these caps is the same as the Stetson in hats. All the Spring colors and shape



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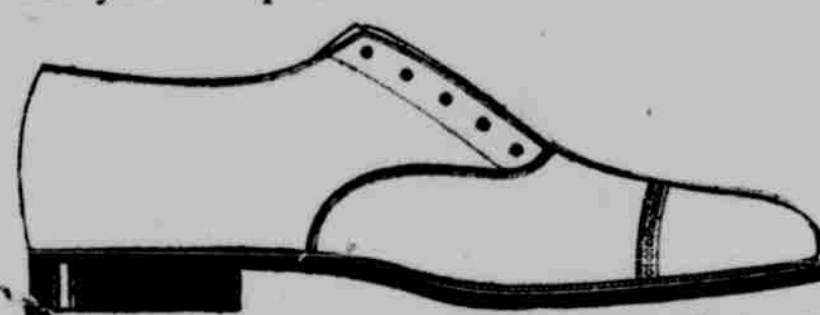
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In all the new colors.

**Priced at from \$1.50 to \$10**

White Shoes and Oxfords of every kind and description for Ladies, Men and Children.

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